

House Resolution No. 3746

Whereas, sixty-five years ago on June 24, 1939, Arla F. Hilgedick took the hand of his beautiful bride, Mildred Brautigam, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony in Columbia, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Arla and Mildred Hilgedick have had the pleasure of raising three children, Shirley Keisker, Sharon Park (deceased), and Don Hilgedick, and the privilege of spoiling eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, retired after serving thirty-eight years as an Instructor of Vocational Agriculture, Arla Hilgedick has compiled an impressive list of achievement which includes earning a Bachelor's degree in agriculture in 1938 and a Master's degree in education in 1953; serving his country for five years during World War II as a member of the United States Military, from which he retired as an Infantry Major; and being past President of the Community Teachers Association, past Commander of the American Legion, an Honorary American Farmer, Secretary of the Butler Fair, a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award in Vocational Agriculture and various citations from Future Farmers of America, and a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Chamber of Commerce, the Missouri State Teachers Association, the Missouri Vocational Association, the Missouri Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association, the Butler Lions Club, the Old Settlers, the Scottish Rite, and the Masons, which he has supported for sixty years; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Mildred Hilgedick offered her children boundless emotional support, guidance, and understanding which enhanced their lives in countless ways and enabled them to become responsible citizens with families of their own; and

Whereas, Arla and Mildred Hilgedick have found the road to happiness by putting all of their energy, love, and ambition into their marriage and by knowing that a successful union is built upon such strong qualities as sacrifice, dedication, and honesty; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Hilgedick, residents of Butler, Missouri, commemorated the glorious occasion of their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary on June 20, 2004:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Arla and Mildred Hilgedick for their tremendous success in achieving sixty-five years of wedded bliss and in wishing them many happy and rewarding years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Arla F. Hilgedick, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Jerry R. King
District No. 125

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3746, adopted July 29, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker